



KANSAS

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ADRIAN J. POLANSKY, SECRETARY

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Dear Kansas Organic Producer, Handler or Certifier:

The Kansas Department of Agriculture has applied for an amended federal organic certification cost share funds agreement with USDA. Funds now have been received for a continued organic certification cost-share for Kansas organic producers.

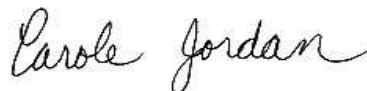
Under the agreement with USDA, we will be able to reimburse producers or handlers 75 percent of their costs of organic certification up to \$500. This is for first time certification or re-certification which occurred between Oct. 1, 2004 and Sept. 30, 2006, as long as funds are available.

I have attached a copy of the form which must be completed in order to qualify for the cost share reimbursement. The social security or FEIN number is necessary for the state to process the payment. A copy of the certification document and invoice also is a requirement.

Also, we are preparing to put a list of Kansas organic producers on our website. May we include your contact information on such a list? Please check "Yes" or "No" on your application form, and indicate what it is that you produce organically.

Please feel free to make copies of this letter and the cost share program application or to call for other copies or more information. I can be reached at (785) 296-4172 or by email at cjordan@kda.state.ks.us.

Sincerely,



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